

# INSURE SCUM COST 29 LIVES

Captain Schau, of the Mannheim, Tells of Battle with Storm.

## AS BRITISH KING SANK

Summons to "Stop" Engines, Misinterpreted, Caused Sacrifice of Half of Vessel's Crew.

## FOUGHT WAVES FOR HOURS

Sailors Rescued After Long War with Sea Cheer Saviors as They Leave for England.

"If the British King had stopped her engines when signalled to do so not one of her crew need have perished. We could at that time have taken every one off," said Captain Andrew Schau, of the oil tank steamer Mannheim, which arrived here yesterday morning with eleven of the crew of the British King, which was sunk off Sable Island last Sunday.

At five o'clock on Saturday afternoon I signalled to the British King to stop, intending to send a boat to them. They interpreted my signal to mean, 'Stop on board,' concluded that I didn't want to risk a boat and kept ahead. If only they had read my signal right the whole fifty-eight souls on board the doomed ship would have been saved."

Captain Schau, a big, kind hearted German, about thirty-five years of age, was very much affected as he told the story of the partial rescue of the British King's crew, and his eyes filled with tears when he spoke of his inability to save all on board.

**Sighted on Saturday.**  
"When we sighted the British King it was one o'clock last Saturday afternoon," said Captain Schau. "We stood by exchanging signals till five o'clock, when Captain O'Hagan signalled, 'Must abandon vessel. Can you send boat?' I returned the answer, 'Yes.'"

In attempting to launch their boat, it was smashed. They signalled for one of our boats, and I answered back, 'Stop!' I had in the meanwhile steamed to the windward. My signal was, however, misunderstood, and the British King's engines kept her going ahead. I learned afterward that the British King had been signalled to stop, but that I did not intend to attempt a rescue. "I was amazed, but when the British King signalled, 'Will you stand by until morning?' I concluded the ship was in no great danger and signalled I would. Then the weather grew worse and for hours we fought the waves and next morning the Bostonian hove in sight and she also stood by to render aid.

**Boats Sent to Rescue.**  
"At half-past one o'clock Sunday afternoon another signal flew from the British King's mast. 'Am not under control,' it read. 'Shall I take you in tow?' asked the Bostonian. 'Must abandon vessel,' came the answer. An hour later the signal was run up, 'Am sinking. Boat damaged. Send boat to take off crew.' Upon this both the Bostonian and myself signalled, 'Boats will come to your aid, and I gave the order to clear away our lifeboat. Third Officer William Jager took command, and I called for volunteers. The whole crew responded, and Seamen Rapprager, Karger, Gruber and Christiansen were selected. After an hour's hard rowing they reached the British King and rescued eleven men, who leaped from the vessel to the lifeboat.

**Human Cries Ceased.**  
"All night long we could hear the cattle bellowing in their only help, but the human cries soon ceased. We stayed all night among the wreckage, but when daylight broke, the only living things to be seen were a few of the cattle, which were still swimming.

## DR. CRAFTS FLAYS DR. SLICER.

Reformer Accuses Clergyman of Promising Jockey Club "To Be Good."

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, who is interested in the Cassidy-Lansing bill, yesterday accused the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Slicer, of this city, of having contracted with the New York Jockey Club "to be good" and not oppose it.

## SELLS LEASE OF HOTEL.

H. S. Duncan Gives Up the Pierpont After Getting Gilsey House.

Henry S. Duncan, proprietor of the Pierpont Hotel, No. 45 West Thirty-second street, has sold the lease, interest and furnishings of that hotel to a corporation headed by George Lezynski. The original lease was for twenty-one years and a total rental of \$700,000. It has eighteen years to run. The consideration was about \$50,000, and the transaction was closed by the John H. Hife Company, hotel brokers and operators.

## UP STATE MEN FORM CLUB.

Natives of Rensselaer County Organized at Banquet—Russell Sage Leader in Movement.

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The officers elected were—President, John A. Slicher; First Vice President, J. Edgar Simmonds; Second Vice President, Frank S. Black; Third Vice President, Trus Eddy; Fourth Vice President, Russell Sage. The society will have a banquet each year, and efforts will be made to have all men in this city who were born in Rensselaer county become members.

# SAILORS RESCUED WHEN TWENTY-NINE SHIPMATES SANK



Crew of the Foundered Steamship British King

## Mrs. Mizner Lost \$150,000 a Year

She Refused to Act as a Guardian of the Estate of the Deceased Railroad Magnate.

## MONEY IN COURT CONTROL

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
CHICAGO, Ill., Thursday.—When the Yerkes will was proved and admitted to probate to-day Judge Cutting issued an order directing all bonds, stocks and cash money of the estate to be deposited with the Central Trust Company of Illinois. "Further," said the court in its order, "no such stocks, bonds, securities or cash moneys shall be withdrawn therefrom except by order of this court or upon vouchers approved by the Central Trust Company."

This order will act as an effectual block upon any efforts of Mrs. Mizner or her young husband to draw money from the estate without sanction of the court and

## SLAVE TRADERS GET QUICK TRIALS

Robert Spriggs, Negro, and Sallie Bennett, His Accomplice, to Face Bar on Tuesday.

## NO BAIL FOR EITHER OF THEM

Mabel Holmes Tells How She Escaped, with Aid of Two Men, from Bennett Woman's House.

Short shrift will be given to Robert H. Spriggs, a negro who was the head of a syndicate which lured white women to negro dens where they were kept captive, and to Sallie Bennett, a negress who was his assistant in the traffic.

As a second offender, Spriggs was re-indicted by the Grand Jury yesterday, for abduction, assault and maintaining a disreputable resort. The Bennett woman, too, was indicted for abduction and for keeping a similar dive, and also as a second offender. Bonn will be placed on trial in General Sessions Court on Tuesday.

After the indictments were filed Spriggs and the woman were taken before Judge O'Sullivan, in General Sessions Court, where Mark Alter, for Spriggs, and C. J. Wheaton, representing the other, entered pleas of not guilty. District Attorney Jerome asked the Judge that he might be informed if any application was made to bail either of the prisoners.

There has been a general scurry among the negroes who maintained these dens since the arrest of Spriggs. Many such places are now tenanted, and their white women inmates have been spirited away. This also is true of saloons which were patronized by negroes and white women and in which no white men were permitted. One of the most flagrant of these, in West Thirtieth street, was closed yesterday. It was managed by Harry B. Holmes, a negro. Spriggs had an interest in his business.

## George Ade has a new experience with the English language. He will explain the amusement thereof in next Sunday's HERALD.

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# TO RECOVER SANITY OF MRS. WILLIAMS

Alienists at Bellevue to Examine To-day Woman Who Was Arrested in Morgan Office.

## BRITISH CONSUL MAY ACT

Prisoner Denies Threat to Shoot—Friends Regard Her Arrest as an Outrageous Proceeding.

Mrs. Ella Barbara Williams, relative of Baron Suffield, of England, and a member of one of the best families in the British Empire, who was arrested in the offices of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., in Wall street, on Wednesday afternoon, will be examined to-day in Bellevue Hospital by several of the best alienists and the question of her sanity determined. Her friends regard the arrest of Mrs. Williams as an outrageous proceeding, and to-day the British Consul will be asked to take official action in the matter.

Friends of Mrs. Williams were indignant yesterday when they learned of the manner in which she was enticed to the financier's offices and then taken in a cab to a police court and from there to Bellevue, accompanied by police guards. Sylvester S. Taylor, former Deputy Attorney General, who has known Mrs. Williams for several months, has interested himself in her behalf, and says that he will do all in his power to see that her interests are properly looked after.

Mrs. Williams came to this country about four years ago to settle a large estate left by her husband in Baltimore. Her husband died during a short time prior to Mrs. Williams' visit to this country. When she came here she brought with her a large sum of money, and a check from the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., which was one signed by Lord Beresford. According to Mrs. Williams' statement to General Taylor, she presented the letters to Mr. Morgan and his firm undertook the settlement of the estate.

Settlement of the estate has been pending for four years, and during this time Mrs. Williams has been practically without means. She has from time to time been allowed to draw a few hundred dollars, and all of her expenses since her arrival in this country have been paid by it.

Six months ago Mrs. Williams left the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where she had been staying, and went to live in the fashionable boarding house of Mrs. J. J. Glass, at Nos. 42, 44 and 46 West Twenty-fifth street. Just before she left the hotel she left a note to her husband's firm, J. P. Morgan & Co., at the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. It was stated that Mrs. Williams had been a visitor there for the last four years. It was admitted that she had received sums of money from Mr. Morgan, but they say the money was given under the impression that she wanted to return to England. It was denied that she ever gave any sums of money to the firm, but the settlement of any estate was in their hands. According to J. P. Morgan, Jr., little notice of the proceedings was taken by the firm, when Mrs. Williams threatened to shoot a member of the firm. Then, according to young Mr. Morgan, it was thought best to have Mrs. Williams's sanity inquired into, and a note was addressed to her asking her to call. It was explained that this procedure was suggested by the members of the firm, and orders were given that Mrs. Williams be treated with utmost consideration, and that all expenses would be met by the firm.

General Taylor went to Bellevue Hospital yesterday and saw Mrs. Williams. He said last night that she denied to him that she made any threats to shoot anybody. She appeared very much upset over her arrest, the General said, but otherwise she appeared to be perfectly rational.

## TELLS OF THREAT TO KILL.

BALTIMORE, Md., Thursday.—The threatened shooting of Mr. John E. Semmes, a prominent attorney and member of the Baltimore bar, by Mrs. Williams, was brought to light yesterday by the arrest, in New York, of Mrs. Williams, who is charged with threatening to kill J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., Semmes's lawyer, counsel and manager of a trust estate in which Mrs. Williams has a life interest, said today.

We have had dealings with this woman for about ten years in connection with the estate. About five years ago she came to this country and Semmes, who was the lawyer, believed that her interest was much larger than it really is. She was much dissatisfied, but Semmes, who has acted as her lawyer at different times, continued to come to our office, and on one occasion she threatened to shoot me, but I am undecided whether to shoot her or Mr. Randolph Barton. Some say you should shoot her, but I don't know what to do. Later she went to Mr. Morgan and asked for money to push her claims, and I think Mr. Morgan gave her something like \$500, but she had no other interest in the estate or its management."

## POLICE CHOP WAY OUT OF FORTRESS

Poolroom So Heavily Barricaded That Detectives Almost Find Themselves Imprisoned.

When Inspector Hogan and ten detectives made a raid on an alleged poolroom late yesterday in East Eighth street, near University place, they found the doors so heavily barricaded that they had to chop their way in. They found three hundred men in the place, two of whom were arrested on a charge of keeping and maintaining a poolroom.

Even after getting into the place the detectives had to batter down several doors in order to get their prisoners out. John Koch, of No. 238 West Fourth street, and Richard Lahey, of No. 20 West 126th street, were arrested and locked up in the Mercer street station on John Doe warrants issued by Magistrate Wahle.

Inspector Hogan's men have been collecting evidence against the place for several weeks, and yesterday it was decided to storm the fortress. Armed with crow-bars, sledges, axes, hammers and axes, they mounted the stairs, but found a task they had not looked for. The heavy door formed such a barricade that no amount of sledge hammering seemed to have any effect on it. Finally it was decided to chop a hole, and this tedious task was accomplished in about half an hour.

Then the most slender member of the squad, Detective Meyers, squeezed through. When he got inside he was ordered by his chief to open the door. The detective, after trying the door, found he was locked in. He told Hogan of his predicament, and the other detectives rushed to do more chopping in enlarging the hole so all could pass through. Then more chopping had to be done to let the crowd out.

## BLAMED FOR BRIDE'S DEATH.

Husband's Taunt, Witnesses Say, Caused Her Fatal Leap.

Joseph Kravacs, a locksmith, of No. 101 East Fourth street, went when he was arraigned in Yorkville Police Court yesterday on suspicion of being concerned in the death of his wife. She jumped from the sixth story of the building at No. 104 Second street on Tuesday night.

Kravacs and his wife had been married only two weeks and were visiting friends when the tragedy occurred. Witnesses said Kravacs tormented the woman and she ran to the roof and jumped off. She died a few hours afterward.

"I loved my wife," declared Kravacs between his sobs. "I did not kill her. She jumped off the roof herself."

Magistrate Walsh remanded him to the Coroner.

# SALVATION ARMY LASS CAPTURED BY BROKERS; PAPERS SOLD AT HIGH PRICE

Men on the Curb Market Take Copies of War Cry from Young Religious Worker and Turn Back to Her a Tidy Sum.

On the curb market yesterday an improvised auction sale was started in which a Salvation Army lass and her papers figured and temporarily interrupted the business of the curb. Whether the wintery blasts that tore down Broad street to the discomfort of the outside brokers started the charitable sentiment among them, or because of a spirit of fun, the results were that a tidy sum of money was turned over to the Salvation Army girl and all her papers were sold.

Those who noticed the young woman enter the enclosure in Broad street where the noisy brokers hold forth daily thought that her courage was not sufficient to overcome her timidity, for twice she turned back, but finally she made her way into the crowd.

Soon she was taken in hand by one of the older brokers, who began calling for bids on one of the young woman's papers. He advanced the price himself against the

bidders and knocked The War Cry down to one of the brokers who offered thirty-five cents. A dozen or more copies were auctioned in the same way. On the side of the auctioneer was the Salvation Army girl, her cheeks beaming forth her pleasure.

When all her papers were gone and the money turned over to her, the curb broker started a rough and tumble time of it. Hats were smashed, crowds formed against crowds and football tactics were adopted in rushing back and forth against one another. Finally a policeman stepped in and rescued the young girl, who had become alarmed at the antics of the brokers.

## Hudson River Traffic Suffers.

Snags again tied up Hudson River passenger traffic, which the mild weather had induced the resumption of weeks in advance of the regular time. The People's Line is now scheduled, the steamers C. W. Morse and Adirondack, Saturday, March 17, from New York, and Monday, March 19, from Albany.

## DRY GOODS, &C.

The Wanamaker Store Store Closes at 5:30 P. M.

## The New French Shirts Are Displayed

We have a list of about fifty men who have left their names with the request that we notify them immediately when our new French Shirts have arrived. They know what the showing has been in the past, and are anxious to get first pick as soon as the new ones come. These men have been duly notified, and it is only fair to let our Public also be promptly informed of their arrival.

These shirts come from one of the best French designers of men's shirts. So great is the foreign demand for his product that he does not sell to anybody else in America but WANAMAKER'S, and only to us because we insist upon securing a representation of his shirts each season. The shirts will be found nowhere else in America, and the carefully dressed man will see at a glance that these shirts have a character and style not seen in other foreign or American goods.

The materials and combinations of fabrics, the style and the finish, all are distinctly different. All the way through there are just a few of a kind, and in some only one shirt of a size and pattern.

Prices, \$3 and \$3.50 each. Broadway and Ninth street.

## The Habig Derby Hats for Men

From the Famous Hat Maker of Vienna

The name of Habig is little known in America, but the man who goes abroad recognizes it as the hallmark of probably the best hat maker in the world. Habig's Hats have a style, character and finish that distinguish them from all other hats. This is why we procure them to present to the particular men of New York city.

The bodies are wonderfully fine in texture, beautifully finished and unusually light in weight. The trimmings are the best possible. The sweat-band has a special ventilating feature that means added comfort and hair health.

The hats are shown in the latest and best shapes, in various heights of crowns and widths of brims.

## Five Dollars Each

Second floor, Ninth street.

## COATS New Long Models

The particular advantage about a hand-sewn long coat is that it can be worn by day or evening. These quiet back Broadcloth Coats, rich, satin-smooth, with the newest cut, the handsewn trimmings, and all the distinction that can be put into a wrap, these coats of fine taffeta and luxurious peau de soie—will make a fashionable effect by day and protect your evening gown with honor.

Some new models have joined the great assortment:—  
Black Broadcloth Coats, 48 inches long, with graceful, loose back, single-breasted; collarless; beautifully trimmed at neck and cuffs with taffeta or silk braid; lined with peau de cygne or taffeta. AT \$15 TO \$37.50.

Also a complete assortment of Three-quarter length Coats, in peau de cygne, taffeta and velvet, well made and effectively trimmed. AT \$21 TO \$70.

## Bradford Mohairs

At 50c a Yard

A maker in Bradford, England—headquarters of best mohair—decided to put his best patterns into low-cost goods. That is why these 50-cent mohairs have such an unusual air of fineness and fashion. Excellently woven—the suit made of this fabric will keep its shape.

Some hints of the varied patterns:—  
Hair-lines of white, forming checks woven in mixed grounds of light, medium and dark grays, blues, browns and reds. Some have also little self-figures showing in the weave.

Pin-check mixtures brightened by strong color-contrasts in the weaving. Pin-stripes of white in mixed grounds of grays, blues, browns and reds. Clear little shepherd checks, in black-and-white, blue-and-white and brown-and-white.

Gray mixtures in the wanted light and dark colorings.

36 inches wide, 50c A YARD.

And here's more good news:—  
AT 50c A YARD, worth 75c—Blue and green checked Mohairs, in the popular sized checks so much in demand for making natty little walking gowns, 42 inches wide.

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Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co. JOHN WANAMAKER Broadway, 4th av., 9th and 10th sts.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16th

Fancy Wash Dress Fabrics

10,000 YARDS, comprising White, Figured, and Dotted Swisses, Dimities, Printed French Plumets, Cotton Voiles and Novelty Linen Suitings. Regularly 50c. to 85c. yard.

At 15th Street Entrance. 25c. yard

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